

Paraphrasing Exercise – Grant and Lee

The excerpts below are from Catton, Bruce. "Grant and Lee: A Study in Contrasts." *The Norton Sampler, Short Essays for Composition*, 9th ed., edited by Thomas Cooley, Norton, 2018, pp. 342-349

For excerpts 1 and 2, read the original text and the paraphrase. In the last column, state if the paraphrased version conforms with the following requirements for paraphrasing:

- a. It does not use the author's words
- b. It does not use the author's sentence structure
- c. It includes all of the ideas in the text
- d. It states those ideas accurately

If it does not, explain why it doesn't. If it does, explain why as well.

Original Text	Paraphrase	Does it conform with the paraphrasing requirements? Why or why not?
1) "And that, perhaps, is where the contrast between Grant and Lee becomes most striking. The Virginia aristocrat, inevitably, saw himself in relation to his own region. He lived in a static society which could endure almost anything except change. Instinctively, his first loyalty would go to the locality in which that society existed. He would fight to the limit of endurance to defend it, because in defending it he was defending everything that gave his own life its deepest meaning." (345)	The motivations and values for which Grant and Lee fought were markedly different. Lee's entire sense of identity was with the life of the South, a society which valued family and continuity. The Southern way of life represented everything Lee valued. He was prepared to protect it with his last breath, because if the South was destroyed, Lee would be destroyed along with it.	
2) "The Westerner, on the other hand, would fight with equal tenacity for the broader concept of society. He fought so because everything he lived by was tied to growth, expansion, and a constantly widening horizon. What he lived by would survive or fall with the nation itself. He could not possibly stand by unmoved in the face of an attempt to destroy the Union. He would combat it with everything he had, because he could only see it as an effort to cut the ground out from under his feet." (345)	Grant's values were totally different from Lee's. He was from the West, but he identified not with a single region but with the entire nation. He believed in growth and expansion and a widening vista. It would have been impossible for him to watch Lee and his army attempt to destroy the Union. Grant was ready to do everything in his power to defend the Union, because Lee's attempt to destroy it felt like an attack on the very ground on which Grant stood.	